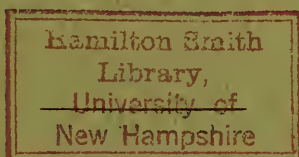


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Town Officers.

Moderator,

MATTHEW HARVEY.

Selectmen,

CHARLES W. SANBORN,

DOW CHASE,

W. S. GOODRICH.

Treasurer,

EDWIN C. SANBORN.

Town Clerk,

FREDERICK T. JOHNSON.

Tax Collector,

JOSEPH O. ROSS.

Supervisors of Check List,

JAMES R. WRIGHT,

FRANK J. HOLT,

JOSEPH P. MASSE.

Board of Health,

AUGUSTUS D. BROWN,

JOSEPH O. ROSS,

ALBERT C. BUSWELL.

School Board,

FRED P. KNOX,

ABRAM W. MITCHELL,

WILLIAM S. MASON.

Treasurer of School District,

JENNESS S. SMITH.

Public Library Trustees,

EDWIN C. SANBORN,

JOHN S. OSGOOD,

WALTER P. SANBORN.

Librarian,

FANNIE E. OSGOOD.

Auditors,

AUGUSTUS D. BROWN,

JENNESS S. SMITH.

Police Officers,

CHARLES L. ALLEN,

FRANK W. OSGOOD.

Town Warrant.

[L. s.] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Epping, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Public Library.
4. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray Decoration Day expenses.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvement of highways under the law of 1905.
6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty dollars (\$60) to pay for repairs on the town clock.
7. To see if the town will vote to expend two hundred dollars (\$200) of the highway money for the current year on the road at East Epping leading from Tilton's bridge to Hedding depot.
8. To see if the town will vote to make a contract with the Newmarket Light and Power company to light the streets and Town Hall with electricity.
9. To see if the town will vote to purchase a steam road roller.
10. To see if the town will vote to increase the license fees for the sale of intoxicating liquors as provided by law.
11. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote passed by the town March 14th, 1899, "To raise the sum of one hun-

dred dollars (\$100) for a Judge of a Police Court, to establish a police court."

12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the old fire engine, the "Medford."

13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the acre of land owned by the town, in Brentwood.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nine.

CHARLES W. SANBORN,
DOW CHASE,
W. S. GOODRICH,

Selectmen of Epping.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

CHARLES W. SANBORN,
DOW CHASE,
W. S. GOODRICH,

Selectmen of Epping.

Valuation and Appropriations.



VALUATION.

395 polls.....	\$39,500 00
Land and buildings.....	229,400 00
284 horses	22,355 00
2 mules.....	200 00
10 oxen.....	575 00
327 cows.....	9,310 00
112 other neat stock.....	1,856 00
102 sheep	373 00
6 hogs	60 00
Carriages and automobiles.....	2,450 00
Bank stock.....	1,386 00
Money on hand	3,000 00
Stock in trade	94,925 00
Mills and machinery	41,100. 00
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\$746,490 00	

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax.....	\$1,525 00
County tax.....	2,297 69
Town expenses.....	2,000 00
Roads and bridges	3,000 00
High school by law, \$400, additional, \$400....	800 00
Common schools by law, \$2,205, additional, \$400	2,605 00
Repairs on schoolhouses.....	300 00
Text books and supplies	600 00

Public Library	\$200 00
Decoration Day purposes.....	75 00
Winding church clock.....	15 00
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	\$13,417 69
Overlay.....	192 24
Water district tax	313 70
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Total amount of taxes committed to Collector	\$13,923 63

Statement of Town Debt.

LIABILITIES FEBRUARY 15, 1909.

Notes held against the town.....	\$6,240 00
Interest due on same (unpaid).....	239 68
Interest due on trust funds.....	207 75
Balance of 1908 dog tax	180 80
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	\$6,868 23

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1909	\$3,712 43
Due from William H. Tilton, 1902 tax	174 85
“ “ “ 1903 “	199 73
“ “ “ 1904 “	213 41
“ “ “ 1905 “	230 38
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	\$4,530 80
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Total debt	\$2,337 43
Debt Feb. 15, 1908	2,324 19
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Increase for year.....	\$13 24

Selectmen's Report.

Dr.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1908	\$3,079 39
Uncollected taxes, 1902	100 00
" " 1903	370 00
" " 1904	208 71
" " 1905	402 95
From State Treasurer, railroad tax.....	792 11
savings bank tax.....	1,407 28
literary fund	110 88
proportion of school fund	275 00
license money	695 67
From Ella G. Durgin, board money of Walter F. Durgin.....	56 50
Money found in safe.....	1 50
Money hired	1,000 00
Rent of Town Hall	87 00
Estate of Mary A. Burnham, trust fund.....	100 00
Estate of Horace W. Langley, trust fund	500 00
On property sold to town for taxes.....	36 00
Pool table licenses	14 00
Property owners on account of sidewalk.....	47 22
Police court fines	19 00
Dog licenses.....	195 30
County for support of poor and dependent soldiers and widows	1,310 38
Taxes assessed and committed.....	13,923 63

\$24,732 52

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By orders issued:

Dependent soldiers	\$854 58
Poor	502 65
Roads and bridges	2,951 59
State road	2,250 30
Water district tax	300 00
Snow bills	43 68
Police court	174 31
Abatements	103 29
Brown tail moths.....	72 74
Street lights	326 64
Dog damages.....	14 50
Police and care of tramps.....	157 27
State tax.....	1,525 00
County tax.....	2,297 69
Public library	200 00
Trust funds, interest on	15 35
Notes and interest	1,300 76
Miscellaneous	538 56
Town hall	620 11
Schools	4,906 28
Board of Health	27 10
Town Officers	961 50
Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1909	3,712 43
Uncollected taxes, 1902	174 85
" " 1903	199 73
" " 1904	213 41
" " 1905	230 38
Property sold to town by Tax Collector	57 82

 \$24,732 52

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND WIDOWS.

Geo. F. Folsom, supplies for Mary A. Clough	\$79 00
Geo. F. Folsom, supplies for Abbie S. Johnson ..	50 00
Geo. F. Folsom, supplies for Otis J. Prescott	75 00
Fred Norris, wood for Mary A. Clough.....	3 25
John Leddy & Co., supplies for Abner M. Ring .	52 00
John Leddy & Co., supplies for James A. Moses..	52 00
John Leddy & Co., supplies for George Mendum.	52 00
John Leddy & Co., supplies for Mary B. Coffin..	78 00
Wm. R. Morris, supplies for Richard S. Abbott ..	54 83
John L. True & Son, supplies for Sarah Prescott	58 00
John L. True & Son, supplies for Mary West ...	58 00
John L. True & Son, supplies for Hulda Buzzell	18 00
John L. True & Son, supplies for Emma Pike ..	86 00
John L. True & Son, supplies for Henry Lane...	3 00
Edwin C. Sanborn, supplies for Ann Parks	52 00
Edwin C. Sanborn, supplies for Kate Carrigg ...	27 00
William R. Morris, supplies for Emma Pike	14 00
Bert L. Mitchell, wood for Mary A. Coffin	3 50
Bert L. Mitchell, wood for Kate Carrigg	4 25
Frank D. Willey, wood for Mary A. Clough	5 00
Herbert C. Hartford, wood for Mary A. Clough..	17 75
Fred Norris, wood for Hulda Buzzell.....	4 00
John Leddy & Co., supplies for Emma Pike.....	8 00

 \$854 58

POOR.

Edwin C. Sanborn, supplies for Chas. McCoy ..	\$52 00
Edwin C. Sanborn, supplies for J. Pellerin	2 00
Geo. F. Folsom, supplies for Susan Jones.....	60 00
Edwin C. Sanborn, supplies for Sarah D. Coffin	73 50
Hannah B. Langley, board and lodging, J. Smith and wife	1 50
Fred P. Knox, railroad tickets for F. C. Adams and wife	1 80
Expenses, sickness and death of Sarah D. Coffin ..	47 35

J. T. Hartford, 5 weeks' board, Ed. Norris.....	\$5 00
J. L. True & Son, supplies for Ed. Norris	4 00
Walter B. Hill, team for funeral of Chas. McCoy ..	4 00
Dr. A. C. Buswell, medical attendance on County poor, and dependent soldiers and their widows, for one year as per contract	195 00
A. D. Brown, burial outfit for John Quain.....	15 00
A. D. Brown, burial outfit for Chas. McCoy.....	19 00
Sarah F. Brackett, board of Walter F. Durgin ..	22 50

\$502 65

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

James D. Whittemore, Surveyor, district No. 1.	\$644 33
Herbert C. Hartford, Surveyor, district No. 2...	207 82
George B. True, Surveyor, district No. 3	75 00
True W. Wells, Surveyor, district No. 4.....	173 71
Charles M. Woods, Surveyor, district No. 5	276 80
Frank L. Rollins, Surveyor, district No. 6	124 67
Daniel Slattery, Surveyor, district No. 7.....	131 25
Joshua Wiggin, Surveyor, district No. 8	301 25
George S. Rundlett, labor on road.....	10 50
Matthew Harvey, labor on road	9 80
Russell J. Holt, labor on Holt lane	8 00
W. S. Goodrich, labor on road	42 50
W. F. Buswell, labor on sidewalk	2 25
Herbert Judkins, labor on sidewalk.....	5 00
E. C. Brown, 169 loads of gravel.....	16 90
W. S. Goodrich, brick for sidewalk	15 05
John R. Dame, labor on sidewalk	54 17
Moses U. Hall, labor on town brook.....	33 00
E. Cutting, labor on culverts and gutters	28 50
J. A. Edgerly, bridge plank.....	142 10
H. J. Kennard, 19 loads gravel	1 90
W. S. Goodrich, brick for sidewalk	68 60
W. S. Goodrich, labor and teams on sidewalk ..	22 50
Albert H. Pike, labor on sidewalk	6 16

Amos B. Burnham, labor on road	\$5 25
Nellie J. Whittemore, bridge stringers.....	70 00
A. D. Brown, curbing stones.....	10 00
Hiram Weeks, labor on road.....	3 50
Herbert O. Judkins, labor on road	11 62
Peter Ladd, gravel for road.....	8 40
W. H. Hodgdon, stone for bridge abutments.....	10 00
John S. Ladd, supplies.....	50 79
Ladd Brothers, bridge plank.....	167 24
Geo. F. Lord, bridge plank and timber	100 00
Harrison Marsh, bridge plank	63 36
Geo. A. Tarbox, iron work for bridges	4 40
John Leddy & Co., supplies.....	18 77
C. W. Sanborn, railing for bridge	2 00
A. M. P. Pearson, sawing bridge stringers	9 50
Dow Chase, labor on highway	15 00
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	\$2,951 59

STATE ROAD.

Paid David T. Perry, contractor	\$2,250 30
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Joseph A. Edgerly, collecting water district tax .	\$15 00
Thomas C. Folsom, Auditor	3 00
Joseph O. Ross, Auditor.....	3 00
Matthew Harvey, Supervisor.....	16 00
Frank J. Holt, Supervisor.....	28 00
Wilcox F. Buswell, Ballot Clerk.....	5 00
James R. Wright, Supervisor	24 00
Dr. Albert C. Buswell, Board of Health.....	20 00
Joseph O. Ross, Board of Health	20 00
A. D. Brown, Board of Health.....	20 00
Dr. Abram W. Mitchell, Board of Education....	15 00
William S. Mason, Board of Education	15 00
Fred P. Knox, Board of Education	15 00
Fred P. Knox, Moderator.....	10 00

Joseph P. Masse, Supervisor.....	\$2 00
John J. Tilton, Ballot Clerk	5 00
William H. Underhill, Jr., Ballot Clerk	5 00
Charles W. Sanborn, Selectman, Feb. 15 to March 10, 1908.....	15 75
Dow Chase, Selectman, Feb. 15 to March 10, 1908	15 75
Daniel C. Bartlett, Truant Officer	15 00
Edwin C. Sanborn, Treasurer.....	51 20
Frederick T. Johnson, Town Clerk	41 30
Joseph A. Edgerly, balance due as Tax Collector, 1907	100 00
Joseph O. Ross, Tax Collector.....	200 00
Jenness S. Smith, Treasurer of School District .	15 00
Jenness S. Smith, stationery and postage.....	1 50
Charles W. Sanborn, Selectman	95 00
Dow Chase, Selectman	95 00
W. S. Goodrich, Selectman	95 00
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\$961 50	

BOARD OF HEALTH.

George A. Gilmore, apparatus and supplies.....	\$27 10
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

John S. Osgood, Treasurer	\$200 00
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TRUST FUNDS.

Charles C. Ordway, painting Plumer cemetery fence.....	\$8 85
John J. Lane, care of Jones cemetery.....	3 00
Walter P. Sanborn, care of Brock burial lot	3 50
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\$15 35	

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Myra M. Purington, note and interest	\$63 38
Cora B. Ladd, note and interest	104 38

Ida B. Purington, note in part	\$100 00
Amoskeag National bank, note and interest	1,022 50
Mary Smith, interest on note	10 50

\$1,300 76

STREET LIGHTS.

William R. Brooks, lighting and care.....	\$212 55
Jay L. Thompson, supplies	29 41
Edwin C. Sanborn, oil.....	79 64
John S. Ladd, supplies.....	5 04

\$326 64

DOG DAMAGES.

Joseph E. Knight, damage to sheep	\$12 00
Charles W. Sanborn, appraising damages, 1907 and 1908	2 50

\$14 50

POLICE AND CARE OF TRAMPS.

D. C. Bartlett, services.....	\$26 62
F. W. Osgood, services.....	24 50
C. L. Allen, services.....	106 15

\$157 27

POLICE COURT.

A. M. P. Pearson, salary as Justice.....	\$100 00
C. L. Allen, costs in court cases.....	74 31

\$174 31

ABATEMENTS.

Joseph Eaton heirs, watering trough	\$3 00
George F. Lord,	3 64
E. K. Jenness heirs, watering trough	3 00
Joshua Wiggin, watering trough.....	3 00

Amos J. Burnham, watering trough	\$3 00
Mark E. Gile, watering trough.....	3 00
Joseph O. Ross, abatements, 1908 tax	31 32
Joseph A. Edgerly, abatements, 1907 tax	53 33

\$103 29

BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

Cash paid for removing nests.....	\$72 74
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SNOW BILLS.

J. A. Moore.....	\$9 00
Bert Parks	33 94
W. S. Whitehouse.....	75

\$43 69

VILLAGE DISTRICT WATER TAX.

Paid Geo. A. Gilmore, Treasurer.....	\$300 00
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TOWN HALL.

Frank W. Osgood, Janitor, services in part	\$23 25
Edward A. Prescott, gas	139 65
T. H. Randall, exterminator and sprayer	4 75
Bert L. Mitchell, wood.....	4 25
E. A. Wilson & Co., coal.....	85 98
F. P. Knox, freight on coal	15 56
Walworth Mfg. Co., piping, etc.....	22 44
Joseph O. Ross, insurance on hall.....	40 00
John J. Tilton, insurance on hall.....	40 00
George A. Gilmore, insurance on hall.....	40 00
Charles L. Allen, labor on piping	7 55
Charles L. Allen, Janitor	75 00
Edwin C. Sanborn, supplies	4 07
Charles H. Doe, drawing coal.....	9 56
Brown Box Co., wood	2 00
A. D. Purington, painting hall.....	49 50

Jay L. Thompson, paint and supplies.....	\$25 90
John S. Ladd, supplies.....	10 20
Edward A. Prescott, supplies and labor.....	10 10
John Leddy & Co., supplies.....	4 35
Mrs. G. S. Thompson, coal for hall	6 00

\$620 11

SCHOOLS.

Paid Jenness S. Smith, Treasurer of School District.....	\$4,906 28
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STATE TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer	\$1,525 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid John K. Bates, County Treasurer	\$2,297 69
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MISCELLANEOUS.

E. C. Eastman, blanks and supplies.....	\$7 21
C. W. Sanborn, printing town reports.....	45 00
John J. Tilton, bond for Town Treasurer	12 00
Frank P. Fisk, Decoration Day appropriation....	75 00
C. B. Perry & Sons, bond for Tax Collector	9 00
Bert Moore, services at Kennard fire	6 00
Walter Knox, services at Kennard fire	2 00
D. C. Bartlett, services at Kennard fire	2 00
F. T. Johnson, services at Kennard fire	1 50
E. A. Prescott, grate for Watson Academy heater..	15 60
J. H. Emerson, services at Kennard fire.....	3 00
A. D. Brown, insurance on Watson Academy	70 00
C. H. Buck & Co., 157 guide boards ..	109 90
Brown Box Co., lumber for guide boards.....	6 08
W. H. Stickney, postage stamps	4 00
A. H. Pike, drawing guide posts	1 00
F. W. Parker, 20 cedar guide posts	7 00
Dr. A. C. Buswell, returning births and deaths ..	2 00

Dr. W. G. Cain, returning birth and deaths.....	\$8 75
Dr. A. W. Mitchell, returning births and deaths .	10 00
Charles L. Allen, painting and setting guide posts	10 00
Geo. A. Gilmore, recording births and deaths.....	3 60
F. T. Johnson, recording births and deaths.....	8 85
Joseph O. Ross, cash paid for expense on mad dog	85
C. W. Sanborn, printing for town	19 50
Dr. A. W. Mitchell, Fogg donation	6 00
E. C. Sanborn, paint for snow plow	2 90
W. S. Goodrich, self and team, setting guide posts	5 00
Dow Chase, self and team, setting guide posts....	5 00
Mabel J. Thompson, care of town clock	15 00
C. R. Sanborn, services with hearse	26 25
Joseph O. Ross, costs of advertising property sold to town	10 07
Joseph O. Ross, expense incurred in collecting taxes	28 50

\$538 56

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. SANBORN,
DOW CHASE,
W. S. GOODRICH,

Selectmen of Epping.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

Balance of paid orders received of D. W. Ladd,
\$176 70

Cash received from:

D. W. Ladd	\$2,902 69
W. H. Tilton, taxes, 1904.....	69 50
W. H. Tilton, taxes, 1905.....	87 25
Joseph A. Edgerly, taxes, 1907.....	106 56
Joseph O. Ross, taxes, 1908.....	13,865 81
Selectmen, property sold for taxes.....	36 00
Fred T. Johnson, dog license money.....	195 30
Charles L. Allen, Town Hall rent.....	87 00
Railroad tax	792 11
School fund	110 88
Savings bank tax	1,407 28
Literary fund.....	275 00
Amoskeag bank note	1,000 00
County dependents.....	1,310 38
License money	695 67
Estate, Mary E. Burnham.....	100 00
Estate, Horace W. Langley.....	500 00
License on pool tables	14 00
On account of sidewalks	47 22
Police Court fines	19 00
Selectmen	1 50
Ella G. Durgin	56 50

\$23,679 65

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By amount paid on Selectmen's orders\$19,967 22
Balance in my hands Feb. 15, 1909 3,712 43

\$23,679 65

EDWIN C. SANBORN, *Treasurer.*

Town Clerk's Report.



Received for licenses on dogs for the year 1908 as follows:

69 male dogs, at \$2.00.....	\$138 00	
14 female dogs, at \$5.00	70 00	
2 spayed female dogs, at \$2.00	4 00	
1 male dog (3 months)	50	
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		\$212 50
Reserved for fees	\$17 20	
Paid Town Treasurer	195 30	
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		\$212 50

FREDERICK T. JOHNSON, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Police Justice.

Report of the Police Court for year ending Feb. 15, 1909:
Whole number of cases tried.....19

Drunk	13
Gunning without license	1
Assault	2
Fraud	1
Insulting language	1
Evading payment of hotel bill	1

How disposed of:

Committed	12
Discharged	1
Sentence suspended	1
Fines and costs paid	5
Amount of fines and costs due the town.....	\$19 00

ALBERT M. P. PEARSON, *Justice.*

Library Report.



LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1909.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EPPING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Whole number of books in library	1,804
Number of books loaned.....	3,106
Books purchased.....	151
Books donated	38
Cards issued	36
Total number of cards issued	903
Book fines received	\$9 90
Money received for catalogues	\$1 00

FANNIE E. OSGOOD, *Librarian.*



LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

1908.

Mar. 22, unexpended balance from last year	\$24 12
May 30, received from Town Treasurer	200 00
Feb. 16, Received from Librarian	10 90

\$235 02

EXPENDITURES.

1908.

Mar. 11, A. D. Worthington Co., books.....	\$5 00
13, F. W. Osgood, books.....	5 00
25, Gaylord Bros., books	1 63

June 2, DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books.....	30 19
Apr. 13, New Hampshire Genealogical Record ..	2 00
June 3, Heads of Families, First Census	1 00
Sept. 16, DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books.....	37 33
Oct. 17, magazines.....	2 00
Nov. 18, Granite State Publishing Co.....	1 50
N. J. Bartlett Co., books	25 98
DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books.....	3 85
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Feb. 16, DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books.....	36 94
C. W. Sanborn, printing	9 00
Fannie E. Osgood, Librarian	50 00
Express and supplies.....	2 30
Cash to balance	21 30
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	\$235 02

J. S. OSGOOD, *Treasurer.*

Collector's Report.

Taxes committed to the Collector for 1908	\$13,923 63
Cash paid to Town Treasurer	\$13,865 81
Land sold to town for non payment of taxes..	57 82
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	\$13,923 63

JOS. O. ROSS, *Collector.*

February 15, 1909.

Auditors' Report.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Epping, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of School District, Treasurer of Public Library and Police Justice, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. We have also examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collectors for the years 1907 and 1908, and find them correctly cast and that each of them has squared his books and paid over to the Town Treasurer all money in his hands. We have examined the books of William H. Tilton, Tax Collector for the years 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, and find that he now has in his hands in money and uncollected taxes the following amounts: 1902 tax, \$174.85; 1903 tax, \$199.73; 1904 tax, \$213.41; 1905 tax, \$230.38, making a total of \$818.37.

AUGUSTUS D. BROWN,
JENNESS S. SMITH,

Auditors.

School Report.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EPPING SCHOOL DISTRICT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in my hands Feb. 15, 1908	\$175 71
Received from Treasurer on Selectmen's orders, by law	3,084 40
Additional, by vote.....	400 00
High school, by law	400 00
High school, by vote	400 00
From state, proportion school fund.....	275 00
Literary fund.....	110 88
Dog licenses.....	236 00
From Superintendent for tuitions	115 25
From L. P. Ladd trust fund, Feb. 15, 1908	100 00
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	\$5,297 24

EXPENDITURES.

Paid out on orders of School Board:

Channing Folsom, Superintendent.....	\$504 16
F. T. Johnson, Principal High School.....	729 40
Flora M. Tuck	420 00
Alice E. Wyman.....	391 00
Hannah Ahern.....	350 00
Elsie M. Carter	310 00
Marietta Sides.....	144 00
N. Cathalyn Vickery	135 00
Hazel M. Andrews.....	36 00
Mary I. Wade	36 00
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	\$3,055 56

Paid conveying scholars	\$890 00
supplies	696 72
fuel	228 84
repairs	223 84
Janitor	120 75
cleaning.....	33 15
enumeration	18 00
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	\$2,211 30
Balance in my hands	30 38
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	\$5,297 24

JENNÈSS S. SMITH, *School Treasurer.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

At a meeting of the School Board, held February 24, 1909, it was voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools, and to adopt it as the report of the Board.

FRED P. KNOX,
WILLIAM S. MASON,
A. W. MITCHELL,

School Board.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EPPING:

Pursuant to your requirement I submit this report, it being my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools:

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1908-09.

Fall term, September 8 to December 18, 15 weeks.

Winter term, January 4 to February 20, 8 weeks.

Spring term, March 22, to June 18, 13 weeks.

For the information of our citizens I show the sources of the various sums which make up the school money, and a summary of expenditures by departments.

RESOURCES.

Raised by town as required by law, 1908.....	\$2,287 50
Additional amount voted by District for High school ...	500 00
Additional amount voted by District for Common schools..	500 00
Raised for High school in accordance with District by-law, adopted March 16, 1889	400 00
Literary fund from State.....	110 88
For supervision from State	275 00
From dog licenses.....	236 00
Raised for repairs upon school-houses.....	300 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers.....	\$2,551 40
Salary of Superintendent	504 16
Care of buildings	120 75
Fuel.....	228 84

Conveyance of children	\$890 00
Repairs	223 84
Enumeration of children	18 00
Cleaning	33 15
Books and supplies	696 72

FINANCES.

Permit me to call attention to some discrepancies in the settlement of the Selectmen with the District Treasurer.

The amount required by law to be raised for school purposes is \$2,287.50; under this head the Treasurer has received \$2,205, leaving a deficit still due, \$82.50. The records of the District Clerk show that the district made additional appropriations, for High school, \$500; for common schools, \$500; the Treasurer has received \$400 of each of these appropriations.

In addition to these deficiencies there is due the School Board from the town \$96.72, which has been paid from the school money for text books and supplies, in excess of the \$600 appropriated for this purpose.

Since the close of the fiscal year the income from the Watson fund has been received, amounting to \$150, so that the Treasurer should have had on hand at the close of the fiscal year \$569.60, instead of \$30.38, a sum sufficient to pay all outstanding obligations, which may be recapitulated as follows:

In treasury	\$30 38
Watson fund.....	150 00

Due from town:

For books and supplies	96 72
Amount required by law	82 50
Appropriation for High school	100 00
Common schools	100 00

\$569 60

STATISTICS.

The statistics for the school year ending July 15, 1908, required by the State, are of general interest and may be studied with profit by every citizen:

Whole number of different pupils.....186

Boys..... 89

Girls 97

Whole number of different pupils over five years of
age who have attended at least two weeks179

Boys..... 85

Girls 94

Number under five years of age 2

Number over sixteen years of age 17

Number between five and sixteen 160

Average attendance in all schools..... 135

Average absence in all schools 13

Average membership in all schools 148

Per cent. of attendance daily91.2

Number of pupils not absent or tardy 5

Number of cases of tardiness 344

Number attending parochial schools..... 75

Number of visits by members of School Board 14

Number of visits by Superintendent 172

Number of visits by citizens and others..... 292

Enumeration of children by agent of School Board, September, 1908:

Number of children between five and sixteen278

Boys.....134

Girls144

Number between ten and sixteen not able to read
and write English 0

Number between eight and fourteen who do not
regularly attend school..... 15

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1908.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Entire registration.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Average absence.	Average membership.	Per cent. of attendance daily.	Number of tardinesses.	Number of pupils not absent or tardy.	Number of visits by Superintendent.	Number of visits by School Board.	Number of visits by parents and others.
High.....	Frederick T. Johnson..... Alice E. Wyman, Assistant...	22	11	11	20	1	21	94.	123	2	34	1	23
Grammar	Flora M. Tuck	40	16	24	30	3	33	92.3	50	2	35	2	48
Intermediate ...	Hannah Ahern	42	19	23	34	2	36	92.1	64	0	41	3	82
Primary	Elsie M. Carter.....	45	20	25	27	4	31	88.3	85	1	42	3	109
West Epping...	Marietta Sides	37	23	14	24	4	28	87.2	22	0	20	5	30

Comparison of the attendance statistics for the last statistical year with those of previous years, will be of interest:

	1906	1907	1908
Average attendance	108	127	135
Average absence	15	19	13
Average membership	123	146	148
Per cent. daily	87.8	86.98	91.2
Number tardiness.....	1009	517	344
Pupils not absent or tardy.....	8	3	5

The above figures show a gain each year over the preceding in membership and attendance, with a reduction in absences and tardinesses.

This improved condition is due to the faithful and persistent efforts of the teachers to inculcate correct ideas of the value of regularity and punctuality. I congratulate them upon the success achieved. The records of the current year show that their efforts have been continued with a success even more noteworthy. Pupils are coming to look upon absence as an interruption to be excused only by necessity, rather than by mere convenience, and tardiness with some of our teachers has been almost eliminated.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils were not absent or tardy during the school year ending July 15, 1908:

High.—D. Watson Ladd, Alice E. Ladd.

Grammar.—Albert C. Buswell, Jr., Chester Underhill.

Primary.—Emily Brown.

TEACHERS.

The current school year opened in September, 1908, with the same teachers in charge as during the previous year, with the single exception of the school at West Epping, where Miss Marietta Sides decided not to be a candidate. Miss N. Cathalyn Vickery was chosen as her successor; Miss Vickery tendered her resignation at the close of the Fall term, which was accepted by the Board, and Miss M. Isabelle Wade was elected to fill the vacancy. During the

Christmas vacation Miss Elsie M. Carter asked to be released in order that she might accept a position in Winchendon, Mass. Her request having been granted, Miss Hazel M. Andrews was placed in charge of the primary school as Miss Carter's successor.

It gives me pleasure to state that, in my judgment, the work of our teachers is characterized by faithfulness and efficiency.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The condition of the buildings has been much improved during the year just closed. The good work should be continued. A special appropriation like that of last year, judiciously expended, would put the school-houses and grounds in reasonably good condition.

I specify some of the most pressing demands:

At West Epping new furniture is needed for the convenience and comfort of pupils and teacher; a suitable book closet for the care and preservation of books and supplies would in the end prove a means of true economy.

In the primary building the worn-out blackboards should be renewed. The steps at the entrances should be reset in such a manner as to make the school-rooms more easy of access, seventeen inches being too great a rise for children to clamber up every day of the school year. The yard, a veritable quagmire in the spring of the year, would be greatly improved by a few loads of coarse gravel.

CONVEYANCE OF CHILDREN.

Section 1, chapter 92, of the public statutes of New Hampshire, authorizes the School Board to expend twenty-five per cent. of the school money for conveyance of children to and from school.

This is permissive only; the desirability or expediency of furnishing conveyance is left entirely to the discretion of the Board. This is so frequently misunderstood by parents that it seems proper to discuss the provisions of the law in a report intended to reach the citizens of the town.

1. There is no distance limit for which conveyance may or may not be furnished. The School Board is the court of last resort in

the matter. It may establish a distance limit, or it may consider conditions affecting individual cases, as age or health of child, character of roads, season of year. From the decision of the Board there is no appeal. The district itself has no power in the matter, as the Board is subject to the state laws and not to direction by popular vote.

The Supreme Court, however, has given a decision, *State vs. Hall*, that, in case conveyance is not provided, the Board may not require attendance of children living an "unreasonable distance" from the school. By inference, a distance over two miles would be considered "unreasonable."

2. It is frequently contended that it is the duty of the Board to require the conveyance to take the children from their home door to the school-house door. What has been said under the previous head disposes of the *legality* of this claim. It would seem that the absurdity of it would be evident to any candid citizen. The law makes it the duty of the School Board to make conditions of attendance equal for all children of the district, so far as practicable. It is manifestly not practicable to make distance conditions absolutely equal. In village as well as on the farm, families live at unequal distances from school-houses, and the School Board is not responsible.

It seems evident that it is entirely proper to require children to walk a reasonable distance to meet the conveyance, when convenience of the others demands.

3. The term "district" is much misunderstood. This, perhaps, is natural on the part of people who remember the former district system. Many of these people forget that the old districts were merged into one town district for the express purpose of equalizing conditions throughout the town,— to give the farmer's children as good schools, and as much schooling as the village children. They should realize that the requirement of the School Board, "to establish and maintain schools at such times and places as will give to all children of the district equal school privileges as far as practicable," refers to the entire town district, and to all the children of the town.

Having discussed the law, I proceed to our administration of it.

The children are conveyed to the graded schools of the village from five sections formerly constituting districts, viz., Prescott Road, Watchic, Hedding, North River, and Red Oak Hill, by George E. Stevens, Samuel D. Pratt, and William W. Woods.

These gentlemen agree to provide teams, vehicles, drivers, and equipment satisfactory to the School Board; they guarantee to deliver the children at the school-houses not later than *five minutes* before the time prescribed for the opening of the morning session, and to leave said school-houses not later than fifteen minutes after the close of the afternoon session; they agree that the driver shall use no profane or obscene language while engaged in the performance of their contracts, nor shall they apply any improper epithets to the children under their charge, and that improper language or conduct by any child shall be promptly reported by the driver to such child's teacher or to the Superintendent.

As the children are in charge of an employe of the School Board from the time they leave home for school, a tardiness caused by the fault or misfortune of the driver is not recorded against the children, on the ground that the Board is responsible for the acts of its agents. Moreover, the teachers in each building remain alternately during the noon hour in full charge of the children who lunch there.

The teachers are under instruction to make a memorandum of cases of late arrival of the barges. The record from September 1, 1908, to February 12, 1909, twenty-one weeks, containing one hundred one (101) school days, shows the number of violations of the agreement as to time of arrival to be as follows:

Mr. Pratt, 0.

Mr. Stevens, 3.

Mr. Woods, 21.

An occasional tardiness of a driver is excusable, and would not call for even a comment; but late arrival one-fifth of the time demands decisive action.

I renew my suggestion of one year ago that a penalty for violation should be inserted in all contracts for conveyance.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK.

The system of school savings, in operation since the fall of 1906, has been continued with results at date (Feb. 15, 1909), as follows:

Primary	19	\$31 30
Intermediate	18	116 01
Grammar	18	132 31
High.....	12	120 80
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Total	67	\$400 42

CONCLUSION.

I take leave to express to your Board my appreciation of the confidence you have placed in me, and through you to acknowledge the steadfast loyalty and hearty co-operation of the teachers in all efforts to raise the standard and increase the efficiency of the schools of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING FOLSOM, *Superintendent of Schools.*

EPPING, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Epping, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Name of Father.			Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Living or Still-born.	No. of Child.	Male or Female.			
Jan. 1	Charles Shepard	L	1	M	Susie Mary Shepard	Eliot, Me.	Strafford.
1	Mary	"	2	F	Clara L. Rock	Canada	Epping.
4	"	S	2	"	Lottie A. Morse	Epping	Epping.
9	Mary	L	5	"	Virginia Wallace	Canada	Canada.
28	"	S	7	M	Virginia Proulx	Canada	Canada.
31	Frank Oscar	L	6	"	Delia Houle	Canada	Canada.
Feb. 26	Elmer Smith	"	4	"	Ethel G. Cram	Auburn	Raymond.
Mar. 2	Joseph C. A.	"	4	"	Valerie Fiset	Canada	Canada.
10	"	"	3	"	Mary McCann	Cha'sto'n, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
10	Mary Emelie	"	5	F	Alma Peltier	Canada	Canada.
11	Henry Blanchard	"	3	M	Florence Bond	Epping	Woons'ket, R.I.
18	G. Albert T.	"	3	"	Enelia Labranch	Canada	
20	Dorothy Lucy	"	1	F	Jennette Johnson	Chester	Epping.
21	"	"	3	"	Nellie Ose	Epping	Portsmouth.
23	Nellie E.	"	9	"	Ervilla E. Morrison	Nottingham	Nottingham.
28	Joseph Albert	"	9	M	Marselene Rodoux	Canada	Canada.
April 6	Ruth E.	"	7	F	Alia Pender	Barre, Vt.	Northwood.
13	Jannette Lillian	"	2	"	Annie Lafebre	Canada	Canada.
26	Edward	"	2	"	Hattie Purington	Canada	Epping.
30	Phyllis Mary	"	1	M	Rosie Parenteau	Canada	Canada.
May 3	Beatrice Mary	"	5	F	Alice May Leddy	Pepperell, Mass.	Epping.
18	Francis Ray	"	3	"	Blanche M. Thurston	Jersey City, N.J.	Nottingham.
June 25	Eliza B.	"	2	M	Maggie Therien	Canada	Canada.
28	Bertha A.	"	10	F	Florida Barnaby	Canada	Canada.
		"		"	Rose Cote	Canada	Canada.

July	10	Arnold Ernest	M	6	L	Perley T. George	Florence L. Rand	Sandown	Auburn.
	15	Joseph H. A.	"	2	"	Fred Cuessidy	Annie Glover	Canada	Epping.
	21	John Peter	"	2	"	Baltista Giolite	Mary Carando	Italy	Italy.
	21	Reginald	"	2	"	Ernest R. Purington	Lottie Tarleton	Epping	Epping.
	18	Helen	F	7	"	Albert L. Fieldsend	Deborah Shannon	Brentwood	Nottingham.
	26	Mederic	M	4	"	John Cardinal	Rose Rock	Canada	Epping.
	26	Bernard W.	"	1	"	John F. Bendin	Blanche B. Wiggin	New Brunswick	Epping.
Sept.	27	Clifford Ellsworth	"	1	"	Austin E. Carlton	Inez M. Clifford	Epping	Epping.
	6	Thelma Gertrude	F	2	"	Frederick T. Johnson	Gertrude E. Morris	N. Berwick, Me.	England.
	19	Vivian Elizabeth	M	5	"	Narcisse Pauliot	Corinne Paronteau	Canada	Canada.
Oct.	3	Lillian	F	2	"	John M. Rowe	Florence A. Morris	Brentwood	Canada.
	22	Josephine B.	"	10	"	Narcisse Pellerin	Alphonsine Borgen	Canada	Canada.
	22	Donald Edwin	"	4	"	Fred Nadeau	Alvena Fisette	Canada	Canada.
Aug.	22	Walter Ceylon	M	1	"	Edwin A. Prescott	S. Frances Fieldsend	Epping	Brentwood.
	11		"	5	"	P. Roger Magoon	Julia C. Donovan	Deerfield	Epping.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Epping, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1903.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 23	Raymond	Fred P. Dearborn, Jr. Hattie E. Carleton	20 24		Epping Raymond	Fred P. Dearborn William L. Carleton	1st "	Rev. W. H. Leith, Raymond.
Feb. 15	Epping	Charles C. Caldwell Jessie H. Wilson	24 20		Nova Scotia, Lowell, Mass.	Robert Caldwell Alonzo Wilson	1st "	Rev. G. W. Jones, Epping.
July 4	Epping	Horace Barnaby Mary F. Mondor	19 20		Canada Canada	Alfred Barnaby Octave Mondor	1st "	Rev. F. D. Deshais, Epping.
June 28	Epping	Ephraim Proulx Emma Bouchard	22 21		Brentwood Canada	Gideon Proulx Hector Bouchard	1st "	Rev. F. D. Deshais, Epping.
Aug. 18	Epping	Arthur Caldwell Annie E. French	29 23		Nova Scotia Epping	Robert Caldwell Walter French	1st "	Rev. C. W. Fisher, Epping.
Sept. 5	Manchester	Milan I. Young Caroline R. Robinson	21 21		Sandown Schen'tady, N.Y.	Charles I. Young James Robinson	1st "	Rev. Adolphus Linfield, Manchester.
Oct. 10	Dover	Elgin E. Tibbetts Grace E. Mitchell	30 21		Epping Greene, Me.	Frank L. Tibbetts Winfield S. Mitchell	1st "	Rev. C. F. Potter, Dover.
Dec. 16	Epping	Albert C. Parker Annie E. Purinton	39 23		Nottingham Epping.	William F. Parker Hendrick G. Purinton	1st "	Rev. G. W. Jones, Epping.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Epping, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 1	Maurice F. Donovan	62			Ireland	M		M	Maurice F. Donovan	Johanna Mahoney.
16	Elsie M. Dearborn	54	1	22	Ohio	F		"	George H. ———	Martha McCleave.
28	—— Proulx				Epping	M		S	Joseph B. Proulx	Virginia Proulx.
Feb. 1	David Stickney	87	1	4	Athens, Me.	"		W	David Stickney	Hannah Tuttle.
13	John Boardman	40				"				
Mar. 5	Joseph A. Brown	49		2	Portsmouth	"			John W. Brown	Mary E. Gunnison.
24	Enoch True	80	4			"				
April 20	John A. Wiggins	83	1	16	Epping	"		M	Jacob Wiggins	Mary Mathes.
July 3	Charles L. Rogers	41			New Hampshire	"		"	Daniel B. Rogers	Elvira Rogers.
11	Marian Edgerly	4	11	23	Epping	F		S	Joseph A. Edgerly	Emily Taylor.
25	Charles Surette	1	7	7	Stoneham, Ms.	M		"	Louis Surette	Rose Surette.
June 6	Joseph Morel					"				
Aug. 29	Emily J. Barber	78	2	25	Newbury't, Ms.	F		M	Henry Bartlett	
8	Eleanor Caswell	80	6	19	Stratford	"		W	Amos Tufts	
Sept. 3	Eliza B. Hebert		2	9	Epping	"		S	George Hebert	Florida Barnaby.
14	Mederic Cardinal		1	20	Epping	M		"	John Cardinal	Rose Rock.
21	Jennie Miller	10			Epping	F		"	George H. Miller	Emma Fogg.
25	Stephen Holt	88	5	17	Epping	M		M		
Oct. 18	Daisy E. Rollins	39	8	18	Epping	F		"	John P. Rollins	Mary Redford.
24	Frank P. Clifford	58	11	14	Epping	M		"	Benjamin S. Clifford	Jane Shaw.
Nov. 19	Benjamin V. Swain	34			Brentwood	"		"	George W. Swain	
Dec 10	Alice Phillips	75	7	10	New Brunswick,	F		S	Thomas Phillips	Bridget McCabe
25	David H. Boynton	73	3	29	Lowell, Mass.	M		M	David Boynton	Jane Smith.
15	John Queini	36			Italy	"		"	John Queini	

